



Atlanta Fire Rescue Department Citizens Fire Academy



Empowering Communities Through Awareness

The **Citizens Fire Academy** is designed for community leaders and residents who have a genuine desire to learn more about the services their community fire department provides, and how they can play a greater role to decrease the loss of life and property through training and education.



The academy is a six week program that includes practical demonstrations. Classes are scheduled for six consecutive Wednesdays from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Atlanta Fire Rescue Training Academy, 407 Ashwood Avenue SW.



Citizens Fire Academy Initiatives

- ◇ Fire and Life Safety
- ◇ **EMS** First Responder Training
- ◇ Fire Ground Familiarization
- ◇ AFRD Organizational Awareness

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Goals

Provide residents with a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies involved in firefighting and rescue operations.



Provide a greater understanding of the services offered by the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department.



Encourage Citizens Fire Academy participants to return to their families and neighborhoods and share their experiences, thereby creating more safety-conscious and informed communities.



Provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire department personnel and participants can share information and concerns.

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Benefits

- ◇ Residents and AFRD personnel work closely together developing relationships and opening lines of communication.
- ◇ Residents gain the ability to make informed decisions regarding controversial fire prevention issues they may face in their communities.
- ◇ Resident involvement with their communities and the Department is enhanced.
- ◇ Residents gain a better understanding of how their fire department works and help create a more safety-conscious and informed community.
- ◇ Residents become aware of the problems facing their fire department.



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